

The Irish Wolfhound Club Championship Show 2017

It takes considerable dedication to present a hound for exhibition, good food, exercise, training, grooming and presentation and of course good breeding, all of these things were evident in my main winners. I was completely happy with the presentation and condition of all the hounds present and I did not find any misplaced lower canines. Thank you to all who entered and to the I W Club for organising such a well run show, special mention to the breeder's who are encouraging their owners to show their hounds, I do hope that you continue, it was lovely to see so many new faces, there were some promising hounds present who could do very well once mature. An honour to judge at this prestigious show, it was a lovely day with beautiful wolfhounds and a good atmosphere at the ringside, one sire dominated in my class winners, Berwyk Archangelo for Witchesbroom (IMP USA), many congratulations to all connections of this dog who sired the winners of Mid Limit Dog, Limit Dog and Open Dog, Novice Bitch, P G Bitch, Captain Graham Memorial, Dave Malley Memorial, Stud Dog Cup, Best Conformation and Movement, Best Limit and the newly crowned BIS winner.

Minor Puppy Dog (7) (2)

1st Tebbutt's CAREDIG AUGUSTUS

Typical puppy of good type, winning fairly easily with his balanced outline, strength and long stride on the move, unfurnished head, dark eye, correct bite, good ears, strong neck and well bodied for 8 months, well angulated with good width through the stifle, low hocks, well boned with good feet. Moved steadily and well in profile just a shade close in rear. BPIS

2nd Plachcinski's AUSTONLEY'S CANTONA OOH AHH

Very nice puppy, also 8 months, well grown with good bone, masculine head, dark eye, correct bite, I preferred the layback of shoulder of the winner, this boy is balanced and sound although not the co ordination of the winner.

3rd Littlefair's GOLDSWIFT PHOENIX KISS

At 6 months giving a lot away in age, I was quite taken with this youngster who displayed very good movement for one so young. A striking colour and a balanced outline with a

gorgeous head, correct ears, dark eye and correct bite.

Puppy Dog (1)

1st Evans-Jones & Halsall's VALHERU MAGNUS MAXIMUS

Big boned strong puppy of almost 12 months, I really like his typical head and expression, correct bite, his neck is strong and shoulder well laid with good return of upper arm, he is rather straight in rear at the moment so doesn't look balanced, and this reflects in his movement, just needs time.

Junior Dog (10)

1st Pask's AMARACH AARON AT BARONGLEN

1 and 2 are brothers of 16 months, they are both tall and leggy, well boned and have good spring to their pasterns. Very attractive nicely furnished heads and neat ears, good length of muzzle and correct bites, both have good toplines and good angulation in rear. They both have excellent coats The winner has more forward reach and drive from the rear and was more coordinated and covered the ground better on the move. They both have excellent coats, the winner taking the Type Cup for Best dog under 2 years.

2nd Lockett's AMARACH AINLE

3rd Surrell Coleman & Simmons's LONNKYLE PILGRIM AT BOKRA (IMP)

At just 12 ½ months this delightful young boy has the nicest temperament, his head is classic with correct bite and good strong underjaw, strong neck and very good in front, shoulder well laid with good forechest. Balanced angulation in rear, he was having too much fun and flying his tail when moving but I loved him for type.

Yearling Dog (4)

1st Appleyard's BONAFORTE'S JUSTICE

I thought this wheaten boy had potential when I judged him as a puppy, and I was pleasantly surprised to see him again, he has lovely lines and is balanced with beautiful head, dark eyes and rose shaped ears, neck flows into well laid shoulder, topline could be stronger, he has depth and spring of rib and a good bend of stifle, he won fairly easily with his easy movement and long stride.

2nd English's BARACHOIS KING OF HEARTS

I liked this red wheaten boy for type, he lacked the maturity of the winner, and when stacked was standing quite straight in rear, he has a beautiful head with dark eyes and well shaped ears, his neck is strong and he has a good topline, he needs more infill of forechest, but I think he will mature into a nice dog, he didn't have the length of stride of the winner.

3rd Dawson's HYDEBECK GORDIAN AT GRAEFYN

Well boned black boy who looked immature against 1st and 2nd and he lost out on movement to them, he makes a nice shape standing, and is another with a classic head and expression, a lovely long neck that flows well into his shoulder, it isn't a bad thing to mature slowly this boy needs a lot more time.

Novice Dog (4)

1st Reeves's WOLFHOUSE COUNT BASIE

Grey brindle 2 year old, an honest dog of good type, nothing flashy about him at all, he scored in maturity and his sound movement over the rest of this class. Nice head, kind eye, a bit spoilt by big flat ears, good topline and strong hindquarters, good length, he covered the ground on the move with fair reach and drive.

2nd Webb's GOLDSWIFT MISSION POSSIBLE FOR INKLEYBOYS

Attractive boy of 6 months, difficult to compare him to a 2 year old especially as he was pacing, but he is a lovely type with good bone and a beautiful head with dark eye, good ears and correct mouth.

3rd Harris's HAZIANNE BIG JAKE

13 months this is a big boy at a very difficult stage of his growth, he has a masculine head, good front assembly and plenty of substance. I would prefer more length to balance him, and better coordination on the move

Post Grad Dog (6) (3)

1st Dawson's STONESTORM APACHE DREAM OF SHALICO

Three nice boys in this class all very different, the winner has come together slowly but definitely worth the wait, he has size and was indeed the winner of the height cup, he also has great length of leg which he now has control of and was displaying excellent movement. Attractive head, correct bite with strong underjaw, ears could be smaller, strong neck which flows well into his forequarters, topline is good, well bodied with good ribbing, rearquarters are strong with good bend of stifle and low hocks, excellent feet.

2nd Das Purkayastha's RAVENSBEECH ROMANUS AMONG NECKREBAGH

I have always liked this boy for type and I think he is impressive and looks mature for his 2 years, today I felt he could use a couple of inches on the leg, and he didn't move out with the reach and drive of the winner, and doesn't have the strength of topline. His head is classic with correctly folded ears, dark eye and good bite, a strong neck and well angulated forehand with an excellent forechest, his pelvis is wide and he has strong hindquarters.

3rd Sumner's DUKESARUM ATTACUS

Black boy of similar age to 2nd but he looks very young and will take time to reach maturity, another tall one, and rangy and he stands over a lot of ground, he has good length of leg and moves well on a long stride. I like his head, his eyes could be darker but his expression is lovely, he has balanced angulation fore and aft.

Mid Limit Dog (4) (1)

1st Treadwell's GLENGAIL GGILMOUR AT FLOYDIAN

Just two years and developing into a very nice hound indeed, he is balanced and

has a lovely attitude, definitely not exaggerated in any way, he has a masculine head which is nicely furnished, dark eye and well folded ears, good forehead and hind angulation, and strong hocks which he uses to advantage on the move

2nd Poole & Sheppard's CONMERYL MARKSMAN WITH GOLDSWIFT

At almost 4 this boy has taken a while to mature, he is a super hound excelling in head which is well furnished with a kind and gentle expression, dark eye and neat ears, strong underjaw and correct bite. His shoulder is well laid, I would like a bit more forechest, he has a good topline and well angulated hindquarters, was close up to winner just lacked enthusiasm when moving and I wish he didn't fly his tail.

3rd Walters' KILLOUGHERY THE BOUNDER

Big lad with a lot of bone who has an excellent head and expression, and although balanced he doesn't have the angulation of 1st and 2nd, he is sound but didn't move with any drive at all, his neck is strong and he is well muscled with a good topline and underline.

Limit Dog (5) (1)

1st Amoo's SADE TYRION

This boy was close up for the CC under me at LKA 15, I was so happy to see him fulfilling his early promise, good bone, commanding, powerful and impressive, fit and well muscled and very much the showman, he is superb under the hand, excelling in head and expression, and strength of underjaw, his neck flows into his forequarters, and I felt his topline was the best of the day. His hindquarters are powerful, he is well angulated but not exaggerated, he is well balanced and for me a very good wolfhound. On the move he has a very easy action, displaying excellent reach in front and drive from the rear, well handled CC and BIS and won the Best Movement and Conformation Trophy.

2nd Macaulay's GARTLOVE GALENLOGAN

Almost 2 1/2 year old of lovely type, quality head, correct bite, long neck, very good angulation front and rear, deep chest, would like more infil, well boned

straight forelegs with good length, very muscular hindquarters. He moved soundly and well with reach and drive, lovely boy who looked immature today.

3rd Gregory's KILLOUGHERY THE BARON ShCM

4 year old, nice head with good ears and dark eye, good length of neck into well laid shoulder. He has width to thigh and well muscled hindquarters, lots to like about this boy, just not the freedom on the move as the 1st and 2nd.

Open Dog (3)

1st Tebbutt's CH CAREDIG CARADOG

3 1/2 year old of excellent type and looking mature for his 4 years, masculine head, dark eye and neat ears, strong neck into nicely angulated front assembly, good depth of chest with excellent infil, topline is correct. Very strong hindquarters with good width through the stifle, well boned and excellent coat. He moved out soundly and well in all directions. Res CC in a super entry of males and also the winner of the Stud Dog Cup which is a great accolade

2nd Redfern's RAINSTER AZLAN

5 1/2 year old with good head and pleasing expression, I would prefer smaller ears, good overall conformation, well laid shoulder, deep brisket and correct length of loin, well muscled hindquarters with good bend of stifle, sound on the move but lacking in the enthusiasm of the winner.

3rd Severn-Kumar's GAELMARQUE DRAP DE BERRY

Impressive wheaten male of 4 years who makes a lovely shape standing, quality head, strong neck, very good angulation front and rear, deep chest, well boned straight forelegs of good length, muscular hindquarters. A very nice wolfhound I wish he would carry himself more proudly on the move, and display more drive from the rear.

Minor Puppy Bitch (7) (1)

1st Wilkes's LINDALL PARIS FOR STRICKENOAK

Well boned and attractive young lady of 8 months, I thought she had the best coordination and movement of the class. She has a very typical head which is furnished well, her neck fits well into her front assembly, correct topline and underline, forechest needs to develop, she moved out well in all directions.

2nd Say's CAREDIG ALIS

Houndy youngster of 8 months, of completely different type to winner. She is very scopy and stands over a lot of ground and will take time to come together. Plainer in head than winner, dark eye good ears, correct bite and strong under jaw, her neck is long and she has a good layback to shoulder, her upper arm is straighter than I like, she has a good forechest. She is a sound mover but was close behind.

3rd Severn-Kumar's GOLDSWIFT DESTINY OF GAELMARQUE

Very striking and attractive puppy with the best of well furnished heads, she makes a very nice curvy outline standing, I like her length and balance, at 6 months she was giving a lot away in age and wasn't as positive on the move as the others, but I think she will finish very nicely

Puppy Bitch (4) (1)

1st Evans-Jones & Halsall's VALHERU RAYNA BPB

Nearly 12 months of good type who won this class on maturity, typical head, lovely expression, neat ears, correct bite. She is well off for bone, is well angulated fore and aft, has a deep chest and good infil of forechest. I would like more slope to her pasterns. A sound bitch she just needs to settle on the move.

2nd Sheppard's GOLDSWIFT ENCHANTED LEGACY

Super puppy of nearly 7 months, a reddish/black brindle she has the most beautiful head and gentle expression, dark eye, correctly folded ears, correct bite and strong underjaw. Nicely balanced, good coat texture and moved out well for one so young. I look forward to watching her develop.

3rd Bishop's BONAFORTE'S MISS ISSIPPI

Lovely youngster of just over 9 months, she looked a picture standing with quality head, dark eye and lovely expression, reachy neck into well angulated forequarters, good topline and curvy hindquarters, she was pacing which was a pity, I hope her young handler perseveres with her.

Junior Bitch (10) (2)

1st Stirling's CLANLILY WISHING ON A STAR

Typy and scopy girl of 15 months, very balanced and has very easy movement with a long stride, she is nicely angulated front and rear, and has enough body for her age and size with good spring of rib, she has good bone and the prettiest of heads with good ears, strong muzzle and correct bite. I think she will take time but will mature into a lovely bitch, when standing she has has a certain air about her.

2nd Anderson & White's WHITGLEN TALLA

Another quality young bitch of excellent type, she presents a very nice picture standing, attractive head, kind eye and correctly folded ears, well off for bone with good angulation front and rear, she is very sound but I would prefer a bit more front extension and drive from the rear, and for her to carry her head more proudly

3rd Malone's BARACHOIS MELLOW YELLOW

This was a really nice class to judge, and I really thought this was another quality bitch, she is a lovely shape with well angulated forequarters with good return of upper arm, hindquarters are well muscled with good width through the stifle, nice short hocks which she uses to advantage.

Yearling Bitch (4) (3)

1st Pinkney's HYDEBECK RULER OF THE STARS JW

Well constructed bitch who was presented to perfection and in rock hard condition, lovely head, dark eye, good ears, correct dentition, strong neck into well angulated shoulder, very well ribbed back with strong topline, and well muscled rear quarters with good width. She moves well in all directions. Type Cup for Best bitch under 2 years

Novice Bitch (7) (2)

1st Treadwell's GLENGAIL GGERALDINE AT FLOYDIAN

Another nice class of bitches at different stages of development, the winner looking much more finished than the others with good balance, nice head, very good shoulders with good return of upper arm, good depth, well bodied with nicely angulated and strong hindquarters. Moved well coming and going and held her outline in profile. Best Novice

2nd Macaulay's GAELTARRA EIREANN HOLY HOLY GARTLOVE (IMP NLD) NAF TAF

This young lady was giving away a lot in age, 14 months of lovely type with a beautiful head, dark eye and correct ears. A very nice outline, with good topline and well angulated front and rear quarters. Easy and sound mover.

3rd Brown's BONAFORTE'S JE SUIS AVEC CLADDAGHWOLF

This youngster looked very raw compared to the first two, she has a beautiful head, dark eye and correctly folded ears, good length of neck into moderately angulated forequarters, she needs to drop in chest and move with a longer stride. She needs time to fill her large frame

Post Grad Bitch (8) (2)

1st Bradley's GLENGAIL GGWENDOLYN

Litter sister to mid limit dog and novice bitch winners, a credit to her breeders, this young lady has similar attributes to her siblings but is houndier, and I think she will take time to reach her full potential, she stands over more ground and has a strong long neck, super angulation front and rear, and a good quality coat. She has good bone, I would prefer better feet, she is a positive mover in all directions.

2nd Wilkinson's CONMERYL MERRIMENT OVER HUNACRES ShCM

Lovely type, I preferred the scope of the winner, at nearly 4 years she is a lot more mature, excellent head, dark eye with neat ears and good dentition, she has good angulation and is well ribbed back and ribs have good spring, a very honest type with sound free movement.

3rd Stirling's CLANLILY MILLION DOLLAR GEM

I think this bitch looks very young for her age and she needs time to drop into her frame, leggy, she has a lovely outline standing, her head is attractive with good expression, she has good dentition and her underjaw is strong, she has enough angulation, her topline is good. I like her profile movement but was moving close in rear.

Mid Limit Bitch (5)

1st Pask's AMARACH CAITIN AT BARONGLEN

Very nice houndy young bitch of just over 2 years, tremendous scope with great length of leg, well boned with substance and for her size she has not lost out on angulation, she has a typical head, long neck which fits well into her shoulder, she has an excellent forechest, correct topline and strong rearquarters. She is an easy and free mover and has short hocks which she drives off. Winner of the height cup for the tallest bitch.

2nd Sheppard's CONMERYL MISS SCARLET FOR GOLDSWIFT

A bitch of lovely type with melting expression, her eyes are dark and her g'rey face is very expressive. She has a good front with strong neck into correct topline, good depth of chest and spring of rib and curvy hindquarters. Very sound and accurate on the move, would like a touch more verve. Well deserved winner of The Champion Clodagh Cup for Best head, eyes and expression.

3rd Cramphorn's YELXBA VICTORIA ShCM

A 2 ½ year old completed a trio of bitches of completely different types, all very nice in their own way and fitting the standard. This girl is stronger and longer cast, another with a beautiful head, balanced with well muscled and angulated fore and hindquarters, and she is a sound free mover.

Limit Bitch (8) (3)

1st Ashby's ASHGROAVE BURLEIGH OAKY

Rising 3 years old, this bitch has come on in leaps and bounds since I last judged her, she is powerful and commanding, a joy to go over as each part flows into the next, she moves effortlessly with good reach and strong drive from the rear. Well boned with balanced angulation she excels in return of upper arm, has a coat of excellent texture, well furnished head with dark eyes and rose shaped ears and good dentition. She has a good topline, deep chest and good forechest. A quality bitch Reserve CC and Ifold Loving Cup for Best of the Reserve CC winners.

2nd Macaulay's GARTLOVE GHLEANN BRONAGH

A classy bitch of the type I like, unfortunate to meet the winner on such good form, making a nice outline standing, her head is typical correct bite, good ear and eye, nicely constructed front, excellent feet, super rear quarters with good width. Sound free movement but lacking the drive of the winner

3rd Wilkinson's JESSICA KATE ROAN INISH IKC ShCM

A favourite of mine who has the best of heads, well furnished with kind expression, She has excellent forehead conformation, a good topline and underline, and scopy hindquarters that I really like, today she wasn't giving of her best on the move unfortunately.

Open Bitch (3) (1)

1st Pinkney's CH HYDEBECK IMPERIAL DREAM JW

Lovely bitch, looking very good at 3 1/2 years she is mature with an attractive head, well placed and folded ears and very strong underjaw, good reach of neck into well laid shoulder, good bone and well filled forechest, nice slope to pasterns and good feet. Excellent topline and depth of chest, and strongly made hindquarters that are well angulated. She moves well, is balanced and is presented perfectly CC BOS and RBIS

2nd Bradley's CH GLENGAIL NNIAMH

A very honest bitch of rising 6 years, I thought she looked much younger, feminine head, dark eye and correctly set ears, good dentition and strong underjaw, well angulated forequarters with excellent forechest, correct topline and hindquarters balanced with the front, very sound mover but lacks enthusiasm and is a little untidy coming towards. Well deserved winner of Brood Bitch Cup

Dave Malley Memorial Beginners Stakes (6) (1)

1st Treadwell's GLENGAIL GGILMOUR AT FLOYDIAN

2nd Gregory's KILLOUGHERY THE BARON ShCM

3rd Reeves's WOLFHOUSE COUNT BASIE

Jean Malley Memorial Beginners Stakes (6) (3)

1st Gregory' KILLOUGHERY BLISS

4 year old bitch who was VHC in a very strong PG class, a balanced bitch of a very good type who I think has been slow to mature, well bodied with good angulation, she moved much better in this class, very easy and with a lot more enthusiasm.

2nd Treadwell's GLENGAIL GGERALDINE AT FLOYDIAN

3rd Bruce's GOLDSWIFT LEAP OF FAITH

Very attractive baby who needs to build in confidence, lots to like about her, she has scope and stands over the ground, lovely head, correct bite, shoulders are well laid and she is well angulated. She just needs to settle on the move, I look forward to seeing her as she matures.

Brace (6) (3)

1st Tebbutt's

All three in this class were well matched and moved in harmony, the winners having the edge on movement

2nd Treadwell's

3rd Gregory's

Team (2)

1st Gregory's

Two well handled teams and they were hard to split, the winner just taking it because her hounds were more coordinated

2nd Tebbutt's

Maggie Holder (Judge)